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## REVOLUTIONARY PENSION DECLARATIONS.

### From the Records of Pittsylvania County.

CONTRIBUTED BY MRS. N. E. CLEMENT, CHATHAM, VA.

JAMES HOPKINS.

On this 17th day of Sept. personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pitts, now sitting, James Hopkins, a resident in the State of Va. in the Co. of Pitts, aged sixty seven years on the 22 day of February 1832 who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration—

That he entered the service of the U. S. as a Substitute in the place of James Hopkins, Sen., sometime in the Spring 1780, and marched from the County of Amherst & State aforesaid under the Command of Capt. Azarriah Martin, Lieu't Wm. Holt, and Ensign Leroy, the place of rendezvous was at Hillsborough in the State of N. Carolina. After our arrival there we were transferred to 4th Reg't Virginia Militia Commanded by Col. Lucas from the County of Mecklenburg, the Brigade was Commanded by Brigadier Gen. Stevens, from the County of Culpeper—After remaining at Hillsborough some time, for the purpose of being diciplined, we were

ordered to march to S. Carolina and join Maj. Gn'l H. Gates Commander in Chief of the Southern Army, at a place called Rugeley's Mills on the morning of the 15th August, rested the balance of the day, and at 10 O'Clock at night took up the line of March to Surprize the enemy before day, who were encamped at Campden, who marched at the same hour; the two armies met on the middle ground, a Sharp Skirmish between the advanced guards took place that night, the line was formed and the men stood under arms all night—the next morning the 16th the line was ordered to advance, and a general engagement took place about the rising of the sun, which resulted in a Shameful defeat of the Southern Army;—there was no place designated, in the event of defeat, at which we should rendezvous, we had lost all our baggage, and were destitute of any Clothing, except what little we had on; Seperated from our officers and no means of Subsistance, —under these appalling Circumstances, although Our term of service was nearly expired, a Considerable number of the Company to which I belonged, determined to make the best of their way home; after our return to Amherst County, a Court of inquiry Convened and made an Order that we should all be sent back and serve a tour of eight months under regular Officers,—we were accordingly mustered and put under the Command of Cap't Pamlin who marched us back to Hillsborough, where Gen'l Green's army then lay, and we were transferred to the Command of a Cap't Graves of Co. of Culpeper, who was assigned to take Command of the men sent back from a few Other Counties for the same offence. In a short time the Army was ordered to march to the South, we passed thro' Sallisbury, Charlotte &c and about the 1st of Jan. 1781, we took up winter quarters on North Side of Peedee river, near the Cheraw hills, S. Carolina. Sometime in the month of Feb; if my memory is correct there was a general order issued for all married men belonging to the eight months' Company as they were called, to be discharged, and the young men to be retained till their term of service expired, this reduced the Company very Considerably,—Capt.

Graves was permitted to return home with those men that were discharged, and the balance retained in service were placed under the Command of a Cap't Webb and Lieut. Webb, who I understand came from about Richmond in Virginia. Shortly after this Gen'l Morgan defeated Col. Tarlton at a place called Cowpens, and took a number of prisoners and had to make a rapid retreat to save them from being retaken by the enemy,—as soon as Gen. Greene received the information, he immediately marched off the Army to Cover Morgan's retreat, and left this small Company of eight months' men, some of whom were stationed at mills to guard them and keep them employed in grinding meal and flower for the use of the Army, and some to guard the encampment—finally Capt. Webb received Orders to take charge of eight or ten waggons—loaded with meal and flower, and about four hundred head of Hogs, and to follow on after the army, and we were in fact, in rear of both armies;—when we reached Deep river in N. Carolina intending to go to Guilford C. H. we there received intelligence that Cornwallis was at the place, we then had to change our rout, turned to the right, went thro' Hillsborough & Granville County, and Crossed the Roanoke river at Taylor's Ferry, near which place in the County of Mecklenburg, in State of Va. was a Commissaries Store, where the Capt. delivered the meal, flower Hogs &c which we protected & brought safe through a part of our Country that at that time was literally speaking, in the hands of the British and tories,—by this time our term of service was nearly expired, we were permitted to draw up a Petition, && send it on by express to Gen. Greene, stating our situation, that we were almost naked, almost worn out with fatigue, & praying him to send orders to the Capt. to discharge us, which he did, and we met the express in the County of Halifax, near Banister river in State of Va. where the Company were accordingly discharged, which was about the 1st March, 1781, this discharge has long since been destroyed, he has no documentary evidence to prove his service, he claims to have served in the whole nine months. He hereby relinquishes

every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

JAMES HOPKINS.

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JAMES NANCE.

James Nance, age 70 yrs, on 17 day of Sept. 1832 made following declaration before open Court of Pitts. Co. Va.—that he was born on 2nd day of Feb. 1762 in the County of Amelia (now Nottoway) Va. according to his Father's Register, which is not in his possession, that he entered the service of the U. S. as a drafted Soldier on the 9th day of February, 1779 under Capt. Wm. Fitzgerald, Lieut. Charles Irby. Ensign Bowling Hall & marched to Halifax town, N. C. where he joined Col. David Mason of Va. & marched from thence to Hillsborough & Salsbury, N. C. & joined General Lincoln at Stone Camp, S. C. & fought a hard Battle with the British on the 20th of June 1779 in which he was engaged from the Commencement to the end, after which he marched back to camp where he remained some time, that he knew Count Pulaski and General Parsons & etc. from thence was marched to Camden, S. C. & discharged in August 1779, after serving a tower of 6 months, that he acted as fifer and was disbanded by Col. Mason, and returned to Amelia, Va. on 10th Aug. 1779. In the year 1780 he served a tower of Duty under Capt. Gray belonging to the United States Army, commanded by Col. White. The fall of same year, he was called on to render service agreeably to drafted numbers & served a tower of 3 months under Capt. Irby, Lieut's name not recollected, was marched to Petersburg, Va., from there to Cabbin point, thence to Markey's Mills, thence to Nancemund thence to a place not recollected, & returned to Nancymun, he then * * [illegible] * * in the Calvary under Charles Irby for * * [illegible] * * the war upon condition that he could procure a horse, was priviledged to go home & get a horse & return to camp, & in the event he could not get a horse, his absence was to be counted as on

furlow; when he got home it being inconvenient to procure a horse & a young man in the neighborood by the name of Elisha Gunn being called on to join Genl. Greene in opposition to Lord Cornwallis, the said Gunn & himself changed towers, & being organized he marched under Capt. Overstreet and joined headquarters on troublesome Creak, N. C., after various marches they met the British & had a severe Battle at Gilford Court house, after marching to deep river at ramsey's mills, Chatham County, N. C. he was honorably discharged, by Brigadier General Lawson of the Va. troops, after which he returned to Amelia county, Va. there he remained until the 5th day of Jan. 1801 at which time he removed to Wake Co. N. C. where he has remained ever since, & being on a visit to friends in Pitts. Co. Va. avails himself of the opportunity to make his declaration, having it more in his power to establish his service here than in N. C. serving as a Militiaman, there was no written discharge given to such.

JAMES X NANCE.

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WILLIAM DEWS.

On this 20th day of August 1831 personally appeared before the Court of the County of Pittsylvania now sitting, Wm. Dews, a resident of said Co., aged 80 yrs, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make following declaration—

That he enlisted in the Army of the U. S. in the Month of Feb. 1776 for two yrs. with Lieut. Henderson, in Cap't Walkers Company then Stationed at Charlottsville in the County of Albemarle, Va. On the 15th day of that Month this Company left Charlottsville & marched direct to Gloucester Court House Va. & from there they marched to Chesepeak Bay, and went across to the County of Northampton & was there attached to the 9th Reg't of the Va. line under the Command of Col. George Matthews and Major Ivins, that they were stationed in said Co. of Northampton untill about the 19th or 20th of Dec. 1776 when they were marched

from there to Morristown in New Jersey and joined the army under Gen'l George Washington at that place in January 1777 where he had taken up Winter Quarters.

Early in the Spring following a picked Company was made up from the different regiments & placed under the command of Lieut Henderson who acted as Capt. of which he, said Wm. Dews was one.—this Company was put under Col. Daniel Morgan, who commanded a Rifle Choir and was with him in three engagements—On One day, first at Brunswick where the British had wintered, the 2nd and third near the same place, that he continued with Col. Morgan Several months until he was ordered to Albany, that he left Col. Morgan near Summerset C. H. New Jersey, and returned under the Command of Lieut Martin to the said 9th Reg't under Col. Matthews & was stationed at the Cross Roads near Philadelphia when the British arrived at the head of Elk River, he was placed under the Command of Col. Richard Parker & was with him in the Battle of Brandywine on the 11th of September 1777, soon after that he was again transferred to the 9th Regiment with Col'o Matthews & was with him in the Battle of Germantown where his Regiment was defeated by the British & he, said Dews was taken Prisoner on the 4th of October 1777 and carried to Philadelphia and put in Jail, kept there about eight months & was then carried by the British to New York and kept under guard 18 days. Then exchanged at Elizabeth River about the 17th July 1778, then marched to the White Plains in the State of New York and there discharged about the last of the same month, the whole of the service rendered under this enlistment including the time of his being a prisoner with the British is two yrs. and about 6 Months, his discharge was destroyed by the British in the town of Petersburg, Va. soon after he obtained it, but the service rendered is proved by the affidavits of David Street & Dudley Callaway who were regular soldiers with him in the Revolutionary War, that he resided in the County of Albemarle when he entered the service of the U. S. the yr. 1776. After his discharge from said service

in yr. 1778 he resided for some time in the town of Petersburg, Va. he now resides & has lived in the Co. of Pittsylvania for about 50 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State.

WILLIAM X DEWS.

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DUDLEY CALLAWAY.

I Dudley Callaway of the Town of Lynchburg in the Co. of Campbell & State of Va. do hereby Certify & do Solemnly Swear—that I enlisted a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the year 1776 and Served in the 5th Regiment of the Va. line for about 16 mo. when he was detached from said 5th Reg't & put under the Command of Col. Daniel Morgan who commanded a Rifle Choir & Served with said Morgan, that he then became acquainted with Wm. Dews of Pitts. Co. Va. who was a regular Soldier in the 9th Reg't under Col. Matthews, that he the said Wm. Dews was also detached from 9th Reg't & was put under Col. Morgan & served with me under said Morgan several Months, when he was put back with said Col. Matthews of the said 9th Regiment—and I was informed that said Dews was in Battle of Germantown & taken prisoner by the British & kept several months—that I believe the said Wm. Dews enlisted for two years & served faithfully as soldier in the Army of the Revolution, Given under my hand & seal this 14th day of August 1832.

DUDLEY CALLAWAY. [seal].

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WILLIAM M. NANCE.

William M. Nance, aged 72 years, Sept. 17, 1832 personally appeared in open Court in Pitts Co. & made following declaration—

That he was born on the 18 January 1760 in County of Amelia, now Nottoway, Va. according to his father's register

which is not in his possession, that he entered the service of the U. S. as a substitute for Wm. Mitchel in the year 1777 under Capt. Gabriel Fowlks, Jno. Knight Lieut. & Wm. Brookin Ensign at the Court House of Amelia Co. Va.—and marched to Williamsburg & joined the Regiment under the Command of Col. Vivian Brookin and after remaining there he joined the army under the Command of General Tho's Nelson where he served several months, the particular not recollected but think it was less than 3 months and was disbanded by Col. Brookin at Hampton without any regular discharge and returned home where he remained until early in the month of Feb. 1779 when he was drafted and marched under Capt. Wm. Fitzgerald, Lieut. Charles Irby to Halifax Town, North Carolina where he joined Col. David Mason & marched thro' Hillsborough, Salsbury N. Carolina & joined Gen. Lincoln at Stone Camp South Carolina & fought a hard Battle with the British on the 20th of June 1779 in which he was engaged from the Commencement to the end after which he marched back to Camp where he remained some time, knew Count Pulaski, Genl. Parsons & etc., & from thence was marched to Camden, S. Carolina & disbanded in August 1779, after serving a tour of 6 months, during which time he was orderly sergeant & was disbanded by Col. Mason, returned to Amelia, Va. where remained till Dec. 1780 when he removed to County of Pitts, where he has resided ever since, and in the year 1781 he was drafted & marched from the county afo'd under Capt. Chas Williams, Lieut. Dix or Hunt he does not recollect which, to York Town, Va. where he was regularly engaged in the seige until the Surrender, 2 days after which he with the other sick of th Troops of Pitts was discharged by General Stephens which discharge is lost or mislaid.

WM. M. NANCE.